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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2007

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Sir:

The applicant has carefully considered the election of species requirement contained in the Office action dated January 12, 2007. Applicant hereby elects Species I, the manual food storage device (FIG. 1), without traverse. Claims 1-7 read on the elected species. As indicated in the Office action, claim 1 is generic to both species. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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